November 18, 2011

Dear Parents:

We are starting a project on ETHNIC PRIDE in reading class in order to give the 6th graders an awareness and a strong sense of their own unique, personal heritage.

As you know, some Americans represent a single ethnic group while other Americans represent many different national origins. Because of this we need your help in determining the ethnic groups that represent your main family origins.

It is my objective to help the students collect research information that has personal value for them. In addition, I am including opportunities for the children to interview relatives who may have interesting stories and memories on many topics covered.

Your child will need to pick a country (from his/her family’s national origin) to research and write a report. From this study, I expect the students to develop research projects that will express their own heritage. In turn, they will also come to appreciate other customs, traditions, and heritage.

**On** **Thursday, December 22, we invite you to join us as we present our Ethnic Fair and Holiday Show in the Middle School MPR.**

From **approximately 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.** the entire sixth grade, will exhibit their work, and hopefully, offer a little treat to eat. We expect each child’s exhibit to include the following:

1. A **food item** from his/her country of study, as an **optional** extra credit effort.
2. A **display board** (country flag, map, facts)
3. **Something special** to display.
4. **His/her COUNTRY REPORT**

Mark your calendars for December 22! Come and see what they all have accomplished. We would be very honored to have you as our guests.

Sincerely,

Miss Christianson